

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

9th, 15th and 23rd October 2025

Cabinet Meeting – 9th October, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 9th October, 2025.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Decided that there be an Official Funeral for the late Dr. Robert A. Mathavious, OBE to formally recognise his exceptional contributions and dedication to public service; and approved expenditure up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be allotted for this purpose.
2. Approved one (1) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence application and one request for permission to transfer land in the Anegada registration section.

Cabinet Meeting – 15th October, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 15th October, 2025.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Noted:
 - a. the following list of public and common law holidays to be celebrated in the year 2026:
 - i. Wednesday, 1st January - New Year's Day

- ii. Monday, 9th March - The Anniversary of the Birth of Hamilton Lavity Stoutt (In lieu of Friday, 6th March)
- iii. Friday, 3rd April - Good Friday
- iv. Monday, 6th April - Easter Monday
- v. Monday, 25th May - Whit Monday
- vi. Friday, 12th June - Sovereign's Birthday (to be confirmed)
- vii. Monday, 6th July - Virgin Islands Day
- viii. Monday, 3rd August - Emancipation Monday
- ix. Tuesday, 4th August - Emancipation Tuesday
- x. Wednesday, 5th August - Emancipation Wednesday
- xi. Monday, 19th October - Heroes and Forefathers Day
- xii. Monday, 23rd November - Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council
- xiii. Friday, 25th December - Christmas Day
- xiv. Monday, 28th December - Boxing Day (In lieu of Saturday, 26th December)

b. decided that the Governor appoint Tuesday, 30th June, 2026 as a one-off public holiday to commemorate the 250th anniversary of freedom at Nottingham Estate, Long Look; also decided that

i. in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Holidays Act, as amended, that the Governor issue a proclamation that:

- 1. the day Monday, 9th March 2026 be appointed as the public holiday commemorating the anniversary of the birth of Hamilton Lavity Stoutt; and
- 2. the day Friday, 12th June 2026 be appointed to be kept as the Sovereign's birthday
- 3. the day Tuesday, 30th June, 2026 be appointed as a one-off public holiday to commemorate the 250th anniversary of freedom at Nottingham Estate, Long Look;

ii. a planning committee, led by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sustainable Development, plan the events and the programme of events, with accompanying budget be submitted for Cabinet's approval, for the one-off holiday to commemorate the 250th anniversary of freedom at Nottingham Estate, Long Look; and

iii. the final and full list of public and common law holidays for 2026 listed above be published, once the Governor makes the aforementioned proclamations.

2. Approved two (2) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence applications.

Cabinet Meeting – 23rd October, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 23rd October, 2025.

All Members were present, with the exception of Minister for Communications and Works and Minister for Health and Social Development, who were away on official duty.

Cabinet:

1. Decided that the Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change appoint Christine Ferreira f as private surveyor on the Land Surveyors' Board for a period of three (3) years in accordance with section 4(2) of the Land Surveyors' (Amendment) Act of 2005; and noted that remuneration shall be paid to her at a rate of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per month.
2. Approved one (1) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence application.

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